

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification

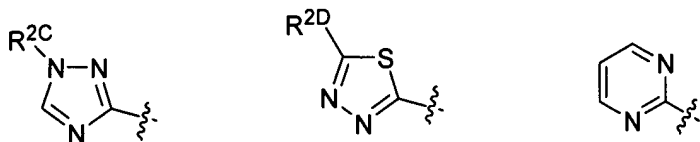
The amendments to the specification, as detailed above, merely seek to correct clerical and typographical errors (i.e., “alkoxyxarbonyl” “aryloxyxarbonyl” and “alkylsulfonylarylsulfonyl” were correct to spell “alkoxycarbonyl” “aryloxcarbonyl” and “alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl” respectively. In addition, an error in terminology was corrected. Namely, every occurrence of “alkylidene” was amended to read “alkylene.” A similar amendment was made for the terms “alkenylidene” and “alkynylidene.” One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that divalent alkyl/alkenyl/alkynyl radicals are designated alkylene/alkenylene/alkynylene, not alkylidene/alkenylidene/alkynylidene. No new matter is being introduced with these amendments.

Amendments to the Claims

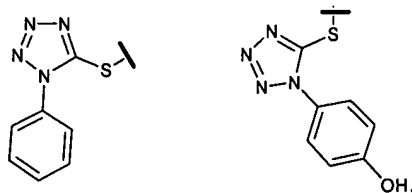
Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented with the amendments detailed above. Specifically, the present Amendment amends claims 5, 16-20, 24-26, 28-30, 36-38, 40-42, 46, 49, 50, 60 and 62. All remaining claims remain the unchanged. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims, as originally filed.

Specifically, the claims have been amended to correct typographical errors with respect to the terms “alkoxyxarbonyl” “aryloxyxarbonyl” and “alkylsulfonylarylsulfonyl”; and an error in terminology with respect to the terms “alkylidene” and “alkenylidene” as detailed above.

In addition, claim 16, as amended, recites additional structures as possible choice for X-R². Support for such language can be found inter alia in paragraph [0130] bridging pages 47 and 48 of the specification as filed. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to correct a clerical error. Specifically, the linker L has been corrected to remove variable R^{4A}, since it is already present in the structure of claim 17 and is thus unnecessary. Claims 20, 26 and 38, as amended, recite that t is 3, 4, 5 or 6. Support for this language can be found for example in paragraphs [0157] and [0158] on pages 59 and 60 of the specification and in original claim 52. Claims 24 and 36 have been amended to correct a typographical error: the character “A: in -L-R^{4A}” should be in superscript. Claim 46, as amended, recites the additional following structures:



These structures, as well as the definition for variable R^{2D} , find support, for example, in paragraph [0130] bridging pages 47 and 48 of the specification. Claim 46, as amended, recites “-COOH, NO₂, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl” as possible choices for R^{2C} . Support for such language can be found for example in paragraph [0132] on page 48 of the specification in the recitation that R^2 may be an aryl or heteroaryl moiety substituted with -COOH, halogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OH, SH, NO₂, NH₂, or -NHC(=O)alkyl. Claim 46, as amended, recites “aryl” as possible choice for R^{2C} . Support for such language can be found for example in paragraph [0132] on page 48 of the specification in the recitation that R^2 may be an aryl or heteroaryl moiety substituted with [] aryl []. Additional support can be found inter alia in paragraph [0130] bridging pages 47 and 48 where the following structures are depicted:



Claims 49 and 50 have been amended to correct claim dependency. Finally, claims 60 and 62 have been re-written in dependent form.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

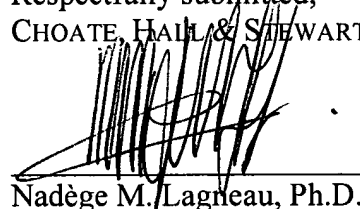
Applicant respectfully submits that the deletion of any claims and any other loss of claimed subject matter is being made solely to expedite prosecution of one aspect of the invention and is not meant to impact Applicant’s right to pursue the canceled claims or subject matter. Applicant is submitting their amendments without prejudice to the subsequent prosecution of claims to some or all of the subject matter which might be lost by virtue of this paper. Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of any of the canceled claims, or some or all of the subject matter which might be lost by virtue of this paper, in Divisional or Continuation Applications.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant thanks Examiner Ward for his time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5150.

It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims or extensions of time are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that any additional fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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